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## AMENDMENT

United States Patent and Trademark Office  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2001, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendment and remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.

### In the Specification

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

**This application is related to Japanese Patent Application No. 11-184466, filed**

**June 29, 1999.**

## REMARKS

The specification has been amended to delete the improper incorporation by reference of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-184466. In addition, Applicants intend to file a Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney indicating that priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 11-184466 is not claimed in the present application.

## CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same. If, however, some issue